

Remarks/arguments

The specification has been amended to include either literal or paraphrased portions of applications serial number 10/364,909 entitled Universal Gateway Module for Interfacing a Security System Control to External Peripheral Devices filed on December 18, 2002 and having the same mass and he is the present application. As originally filed the application included a statement in paragraph 2 of page 1 indicating that this application was incorporated by reference. Thus, no new matter is added by the amendment to the specification or claims herein. All of the original claims have been canceled.

New claims incorporating respective aspects of the apparatus and method in the application incorporated by reference are presented herewith.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims added herein avoid all 35 USC 112 issues raised by the Examiner and clearly distinguish over the art of record. Early allowance is requested. The undersigned attorney will be happy to discuss any possible remaining issues by phone.

Respectfully submitted,



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